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vices. NCHSR plans to award 10 fellowships under the program in the current fiscal year, funding permitting. Notification of the second round of awards will be in July, for support starting in August 1988.

Applicants must have received by the beginning of the appointment a doctoral or equivalent degree, be accepted by an appropriate institution, and have a sponsor who is an established health services research investigator.

The 1988 NRSA program solicitation is available from NCHSR, 18-12 Parklawn Building, Rockville, MD 20857; tel. 301:443-4100.

Health Technology Recommendations Assist Coverage Decisions

Evaluations of the safety, effectiveness, and use of a number of new or

unestablished medical technologies considered for Medicare coverage are now available from the Public Health Service.

Health Technology Assessment Reports detail findings from analyses undertaken at the request of the agency which administers the Medicare Program, the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA), of the Department of Health and Human Services. The analyses are performed by the National Center for Health Services Research and Health Care Technology Assessment, part of the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health.

The assessments reflect a review of medical literature concerning the technologies and information from consumers, manufacturers, trade organizations, and the biomedical community. The assessments become available after HCFA issues its decision on whether a specific technology will be covered by Medicare.

Recent reports cover fully automated ambulatory blood pressure

monitoring of hypertension, cochlear implant devices for the profoundly hearing impaired, continuous positive airway pressure for the treatment of obstructive sleep apnea in adults, single photon absorptiometry for measuring bone mineral density, hemoperfusion in conjunction with deferoxamine for the treatment of aluminum toxicity or iron overload in patients with end-stage renal disease, and Angelchik anti-reflux prosthesis.

HCFA coverage rules are available from HCFA, 401 East High Rise Bldg., 6401 Security Blvd., Baltimore, MD 21235; tel.: (301) 594-9690. Copies of assessments are available from NCHSR, 18-12 Parklawn Bldg., Rockville, MD 20857; tel. 301:443-4100.

EDUCATION NOTES

Training courses in occupational safety and health are given by the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) directly or in cooperation with professional organizations or agencies. NIOSH also sponsors Educational Resource Centers in universities throughout the country. Following is a list of courses being offered by those centers in the next few months. Contact the persons specified in the listing about further information such as application deadlines.

HARVARD EDUCATIONAL RESOURCE CENTER

Program for Health Systems Management, October 19-30, \$2,000.

Program for Advanced Training in Biomedical Research Management, November 8-20, \$2,200.

Emerging Issues in Occupational and Environmental Health, December 3-4, cost to be announced.

Managing Small Health Care Organizations, December 7-11, \$1,100.

Write or call Beth Ellis, the Office of Continuing Education, Harvard School

of Public Health, 677 Huntington Ave., Boston, MA 02115 (617: 732-1171).

NEW YORK-NEW JERSEY EDUCATIONAL RESOURCE CENTER

Cumulative Trauma Disorders, September 30-October 1, \$250.

Practices and Procedures for Asbestos Control, October 5-9, November 2-6, November 30-December 4, \$525.

NIOSH-Approved Spirometry Training, November 3-5, \$375.

Contact Lee Laustsen, Office of Consumer Health Education, University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, Piscataway, NJ 08854 (201: 463-4500).

ILLINOIS EDUCATIONAL RESOURCE CENTER

Identification and Evaluation of Airborne Asbestos Dust (NIOSH 582), October 5-9, \$700.

Contact Susanne J. Klein, Director of Programs in Continuing Education,

University of Illinois at Chicago M/C 678, College of Medicine, Great Lakes Center for Occupational Safety and Health, P. O. Box 6998, Chicago, IL 60680 (312: 996-0807).

JOHNS HOPKINS EDUCATIONAL RESOURCE CENTER

Work, Health, and Productivity, October 21-23, cost to be announced.

Noise-Induced Injury: Ototoxicity, October 26-27, \$350.

Radiation Emergency Management, October, cost to be announced.

Contact Jacqueline Corn, Department of Environmental Health Sciences, Johns Hopkins School of Hygiene and Public Health, 615 North Wolfe St., Rm. 1101, Baltimore, MD 21205 (301: 955-2609).

ALABAMA EDUCATIONAL RESOURCE CENTER

Industrial Ventilation Conference, October 12-16, cost to be announced.

Sampling and Evaluating Airborne Asbestos Dust (NIOSH 582), November 9-12, \$675.

Sampling and Analysis of Asbestos Materials, November 11-13, \$500.

Liability Issues in Occupational Health and Safety, December 3-4, cost to be announced.

Contact Elizabeth Lynch, University of Alabama School of Public Health, University Station, Box 99, Birmingham, AL 35294 (205: 934-7032).

NORTH CAROLINA EDUCATIONAL RESOURCE CENTER

Sampling and Evaluating Airborne Asbestos Dust (NIOSH 582), October 5-9, \$550.

Basic Occupational Health Nursing, November 4-5, Chapel Hill, NC, \$75.

Quantitative Industrial Hygiene, November 16-20, \$500 for AIHA members, \$650 for nonmembers.

Contact Ted M. Williams, Occupational Safety and Health Educational Resource Center, UNC-CH, 109 Conner Dr., Suite 1101, Chapel Hill, NC 27514 (919: 962-2101).

CINCINNATI EDUCATIONAL RESOURCE CENTER

Loss Control and Profitability, October 8, \$125.

Miniresidency in Occupational Medicine for Physicians, October 12-16 (for physicians who have already completed the 2-week program), \$650.

Safe Methods of Asbestos Removal, October 20-23, \$425 plus \$50 for examination.

Industrial Aerosol Measurement Short Course, October 27-28, \$425.

Industrial Aerosol Processes Workshop, October 29, \$190.

Characterization of Industrial Aerosols Workshop, October 29, \$190 (aerosol workshops run concurrently).

Non-ionizing Radiation: Evaluation and Control, November 3-4, 1987.

For further information, contact Kay M. Hayes, Field Service Instructor, Director, Office of Continuing Education, ML 56, University of Cincinnati, 231 Bethesda Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45267 (513: 872-5733).

MICHIGAN EDUCATIONAL RESOURCE CENTER

39th Annual Selby Discussion on Occupational Health, October 8-9 (by invitation only; submit summary of professional position and reasons for attendance).

24th Annual Industrial Hygiene Discussion, October 15-16 (by invitation only; submit summary of professional position and reasons for attendance).

Current Topics in Occupational Safety, November 4-5, \$250.

Contact Randy Rabourn, Director, Continuing Education, Center for Occupational Health Safety Engineering, 1205 Beal, IOE Bldg., University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI 48109 (313: 763-0567).

MINNESOTA EDUCATIONAL RESOURCE CENTER

Personal Computer Applications for Managing Right-to-Know, October 1-2, \$275.

Chemical Exposures: Emergency Response and Management, October 9, November 6, \$100 for physicians and \$65 for others.

Safety and Health Training for Hazardous Waste Site Personnel, October 13-15, \$200.

Comprehensive Occupational Health Nursing Review: Basic Theory and Update, October 19-23, \$400.

Laboratory Ventilation, November 12-13, \$365.

Contact Ruth K. McIntyre, Director, Continuing Education, Midwest Center for Occupational Health and Safety, 640 Jackson St., St. Paul, MN 55101 (612: 221-3992).

UTAH EDUCATIONAL RESOURCE CENTER

Sampling and Evaluating Airborne Asbestos Dust (NIOSH 582), November 30-December 4, \$500.

Contact Connie Crandall, Director, Continuing Education, Rocky Mountain Center for Occupational and Environmental Health, Bldg. 512, University of Utah, Salt Lake City, UT 84112 (801: 581-5710).

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDUCATIONAL RESOURCE CENTER

Ergonomics: Building Efficiency and Safety in the Workplace, October 1-2, \$300.

Promoting Safety and Health in Today's Economy, October 3, Orange County, \$150.

Recognition of Accident Potential in the Workplace Due to Human Factors, October 7-9, \$435.

Management and Administrative Skills for the Occupational Safety and Health Professional, October 12-16, \$735.

Recognition of Occupational Health Hazards, October 19-23, \$735.

Developing and Managing a Medical Monitoring Program, October 29-30, \$265.

Sampling and Evaluating Airborne Asbestos Dust, November 2-6, \$725.

Contact the University of Southern California, Institute of Safety and Systems Management, Office of Extension and Inservice Programs, University Park, 3500 S. Figueroa St., Suite 202, Los Angeles, CA 90089-0021 (213: 743-6523).

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA EDUCATIONAL RESOURCE CENTER

Spirometry Pulmonary Function Testing in Occupational Health Settings, October 22-23, \$300.

Respiratory Protection, November 18-19, cost to be announced.

Contact Lela D. Morris, RN, MPH, Continuing Education Coordinator, Northern California Occupational Health Center, University of California, 2521 Channing Way, Berkeley, CA 94720 (415: 642-5507).

WASHINGTON EDUCATIONAL RESOURCE CENTER

Psychological Aspects of Occupational Health, Portland, OR, October 14, \$50.

Legal Aspects of Occupational Health, October 29, Anchorage, AK, \$95.

Contact Sharon Morris, Continuing Education Coordinator, Northwest Center for Occupational Health and Safety, Department of Environmental Health, SC-34, University of Washington, Seattle, WA 98195 (206: 543-1069).

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